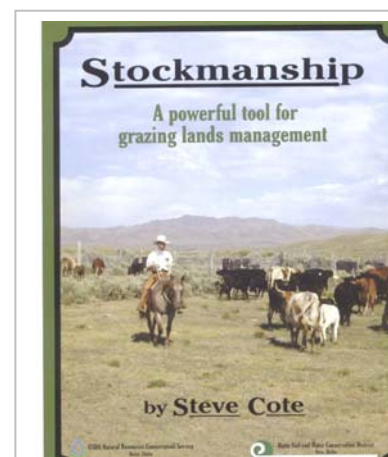




2005 Report of Accomplishments
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Natural Resource Improvements in 2005 – Summary

- 53 funded Conservation Security Program applications infuse approximately \$1.1 million in economy
- EQIP implementation of high efficiency irrigation systems resulted in about 1,100 acre feet of water saved on five farms and about 1,500 tons of soil from being eroded.
- Wildlife habitat and stream bank conditions have been improved on about 4 miles of creeks and rivers as a result of implementation of CCRP riparian buffers. Use of these areas by wildlife are rising significantly.
- Stockmanship schools have resulted in distribution of the Stockmanship Manual throughout the United States.



It is the goal of the Butte Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors to set high standards for conservation and wise use of the natural resources in the district.

Basic Funding

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 4,200
State	District Operations/Information/Education	\$ 10,800
Stockmanship Manual Sales	District Operations/Information/Education	\$ 7,000
Environmental Quality Incentive Program	Program Delivery	\$377,000
Resource Conservation & Rangeland Development Loan Program	Water Conservation	\$ 60,000
U.S. Fish & Wildlife	Big Lost River Riparian	\$ 9,500
Office of Species Conservation	Little Lost Riparian	\$117,000
Coordinated Weed Management Area	Identification and Prioritization of Noxious Weed Infestation	\$ 25,000
NRCS Salaries	Conservation Programs	\$150,000

Butte SWCD Priority #1 – Assist ranchers and the community with collaborative team building, enhanced range plans and livestock handling training to help them improve range resources and ranch economic outlook.

- Steve Cote's stockmanship presentations - Wisconsin, 2 presentations, 800 total participants, West Virginia, 3 presentations, 125 participants, ISU Range Management Symposium, 40 participants, and IASCD Conference, Moscow (40)
- Distribution of Stockmanship Manual through out US including Alaska and Hawaii and other countries

- EQIP - 30,000 acres of grazing and crop land plans were contracted
 - RCRDP Loan – 1200 acres of whole ranch plan implemented
 - 53 Conservation Security Program contracts for \$1.1 million were developed in 2005
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Butte SWCD Priority #2 – Weed Control

- Supported CWMA with administration
 - Supervisor and administrative assistant took display to Legislative Display
 - 40 Integrated Pest Management plans were contracted under CSP.
 - Countywide draft IPM plan completed.
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Butte SWCD Priority #3 – Water Quality/Quantity

- Participated in three meetings with local irrigation groups to assist them with studies and potential funding for a large pipeline to improve water distribution and enhance river flows in Big Lost River
 - Met with DEQ and local fish hatchery owner to develop an agriculture waste storage pond.
 - Riparian enhancement on practices implemented on 70 acres
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Butte SWCD Priority #4 – Agricultural Land

- CSP Plans on 15,000 acres
 - EQIP Plans on 1200 acres
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Butte SWCD Priority #5 - Information & Education

- 60 6th grade (2 schools) students participated in the poster contest and also attended the Natural Resources Workshop with hands on training in weed control, fish biology, flint napping, forest fire control – follow up by having them participate in the poster contest.
 - Three teams (15 students) attended the Idaho State Envirothon with hands on participation in soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife and this year's current issue managing cultural landscapes.
 - One local student participated in Division VI Speech contest.
 - Contributed to State Forestry and Soils Contest
 - Range Management Symposium – ISU at Pocatello – Steve Cote attended and presented
 - Planted trees for Arbor Day at three elementary schools – involved over 100 students
 - Worked at Conservation Booth at INEL Science Fair
 - Met with county commissioners and interested parties to develop ATV trails.
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Butte SWCD Priority #6 – District Operations

- Work to increase the effectiveness of supervisors by setting policy of attending meetings.
- Evaluate district employee and encourage participations in training and meetings.
- Keep the district financially sound by following SCC Financial Accountability Policies, Guidelines and Procedures and submitting reports in a timely manner.
- Comply with opening meeting law.

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices